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**S.No.      Location of Employment Exchanges**


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32. Chariali Biswanath
33. Gossaigaon
34. Hojai
35. Hatsinghimari
36. Jonai
37. Manjuli (Garamur)
38. Rangia
39. Chapakhowa (Sadiya)
40. Sonari
41. Udaguri
42. Garampani
43. Bokajan
44. Jagiroad
45. Moranhat
46. Patharkandi
47. Duliajan
48. Kaliabor
49. Barpather (Dhansiri)
50. Guwahati (PH)
51. UEIGB Dibrugarh
52. UEIGB Guwahati
53. UEIGB Jorhat

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**ESI Hospitals/Dispensaries in Orissa**

3727. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) the norms prescribed for opening of the ESI hospitals/ dispensaries in the country;
- (b) the number of ESI hospitals/dispensaries opened in Orissa during the Ninth Five Year Plan period;
- (c) the location of these ESI hospitals/dispensaries; and

(d) the details of the steps taken to upgrade the existing ESI hospitals/dispensaries in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) As per the prescribed norms, the ESI Corporation constructs four hospital beds per one thousand insured persons. For the sake of viability the ESIC generally constructs a minimum fifty bedded hospital at the centres having 12,500 Insured Persons (IPs). New ESI Dispensaries are set up in the areas having approximately 400 to 1000 IP family units. New ESI hospitals/dispensaries are opened on the basis of need and, therefore, not linked to five year plans. However, during the period of the Ninth Five Year Plan one ESI dispensary at Angul and 2 ESI Hospitals *i.e.* one each at Bhubaneswar and Rourkela were commissioned.

(d) The provisions of medical care under the ESI Scheme in Orissa are being administered by the State Government. However, the expenditure on medical care is shared between the ESIC and Govt. of Orissa in the ratio of 7:1. In order to bring improvement in the working of the ESI hospitals/dispensaries, the ESIC had recently formulated an Action Plan and forwarded the same to the State Government including the Government of Orissa for implementation in consultation with the ESIC. The Action Plan includes, *inter-alia*, provision of modern equipments in hospitals, supply of necessary basic equipments in all dispensaries, establishment of Regional trauma centres, establishment of super-speciality services, blood banks, cancer prevention centres, development of indigenous system of medicine etc. An amount of Rs. 245.12 lakh has already been sanctioned to the Government of Orissa for procurement of medical equipments and other facilities in ESI hospitals/dispensaries. For improving the resource position of the State Governments in administration of ESI medical care, the ceiling on expenditure on medical care has been enhanced from Rs.500/- to Rs.600/- per Insured Person per annum with effect from 1.4.1999. Necessary tie-up arrangement has also been made with the reputed medical institutions for providing Super-Speciality treatment to insured persons.